Non-payment of bank daft to actual payees

2674. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the service branch of the SBI, Parliament Street had recieved any complalints in June 1992 about non-payment of bank drafts to the actual payees which were issued by the Rampur Karkhana (3822) branch of the Bank in Deoria district of U.P., on 22nd November, 1991;

(b) whether it is a fact that instead of the actual payees the payments were made to wrong persons;

(c) whether the bank had received legal notices also but neither the payment was made to the actual payees nor any action was taken to trace the persons who had withdrawn the money;

(d) if so, under what circumstances and to whom the payment had been made and which branch made the payments;

(e) the reasons for not taking any action in the matter; and

(f) what action is contemplated to make payment to the rightful payees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. ABRAR AHMED); (a) State Bank of India have reported that no complaint was received by their service branch, New Delhi regarding non-payment of bank draft *issued* by their Rampur Karkhana branch of District Deoria on 22-11-91, However, a complaint in respect of bank draft issued on 28-12-91 by said branch was received in June 1992.

(b) to (d) The draft dated 28-12-91 presented to Service Branch, New Delhi was paid in clearing on 11-1-92 to State Bank of Indore, Chandni Chowk Delhi for credit to the account of endorsee, M/s. Sanjay Enterprises. The fact that the endorsement was made by the payee of the draft was confirmed by the collecting banker. A. legal notice was received by the bank in the matter which was replied to, stating details of the payment.

(e) and (f) Do not arise.

Special Pay to Personnel of Settlement Commission

2675. SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of special pay being given to the personnc. posted in the Settlement Commission (Income Tax and Wealth Tax), New Delhi, in the cadre of Deputy Director of Investigation: and

(b) since when this is being given and detailed reasons for sanctioning such a special pay to only this category toy Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) special pay of Rs. 400/- p.m. is given to members of the IRS (Income Tax) posted as Deputy Directors of Investigation in the Commission.

(b) The special pay is being paid at par with other similar officers in the Directorates under the Income Tax Department.

खाताधारकों के लिए छायाचित्र को अनिवार्य बनाया जाना

2676. श्री कृष्ण लाल शर्मा : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि बैंकों में नया खाता खोलने के लिए छायाचित्र चिपकाया जाना अनिवार्य कर दिया गया

है यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं और इस पर जन-सामान्य की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है तथा इसका बैंकों के कारोबार पर क्या प्रभाव पड़ेगा ;

(ख) क्या सरकार धोखाधड़ी और भ्रष्टाचार को रोकने के लिए सभी बैंक खाताधारकों के लिए छायाचित्र की अनिवार्य बनाने के लिए कदम उठाएगी ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(घ) यदि नहीं तो, उसके क्या कारण है ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डा० अबरार अहमद) : (क) से (घ) भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक ने बैंकों से कहा है कि वे नए खाते के मामले में दिनांक 1 जनवरी, 1994 से खाता खोलने के समय खाता परिचालित करने के लिए प्राधिकृत जमाकर्ताओं/खाताधारकों के फोटोग्राफ प्राप्त करें। उपर्युक्त अनुदेश अनिवार्य हैं और इनका कार्यान्वयन सभी बैंकों द्वारा किया जाना है।

बैंकों में धोखाधड़ियों और कदाचारों की जांच करने के लिए भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक द्वारा एक उच्च स्तरीय समिति (भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक के तत्कालीन उप-गवर्नर श्री ए० घोष की अध्यक्षता में) का गठन किया गया था। इस समिति ने सिफारिश की थी कि परिचालन खाते खोलने के समय जमाकर्ताओं के फोटोग्राफ प्राप्त करने की प्रथा शुरू की जानी चाहिए। यह सिफारिश स्वीकार कर ली गई थी और भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक द्वारा बैंकों को तदनुसार सूचित कर दिया गया है।

प्रेस रिपोर्टों से पता चला है कि अखिल भारतीय बैंक जमाकर्ता संघ (ए० आई० बी० डी० ए०) ने इस निर्णय का स्वागत किया है। देश में बैंकिंग व्यवसाय पर इस उपाय के संभावित प्रभावों का मूल्यांकन करना समयपूर्व होगा।

Creation of 40,000 new posts in Central Government Offices

2677. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA;

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government has created as many as 40,000 new posts over the last one year despite the fact that a number of departments like DGTD, CCIF, etc. have become redundant and Government's promise made in the last year's budget speech that the Government departments would be rationalised to form the size and expenditure; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHARA MURTHY): (a) Over the last one year the estimated strength of Central Government employees (excluding Defence Service Personnel) has decreased by 24,883.

(b) Does not arise,

2678. *[Transferred to 18th March,* 1994]

Steps for rapid export growth

©2679. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Community has advised India that rapid export growth required continued flexible management of exchange rate and further decontrol of restrictions;

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